



# Ward Notification

## Tucson Fire Department

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### **Ward 6 – Flash Fire – 3200 Block of East Lee Street**

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Dispatch Time – 1238  
On-Scene Time – 1242  
Under Control - 1242

Two men were doing some restoration work inside a single-family residence when a flash fire occurred. Firefighters arrived on scene to find no fire problem and two workers injured. Vapors accumulated in the enclosed area, made contact with an ignition source, and the fumes ignited. The fire and explosion lasted only a few seconds, but everything in its path was damaged. Both men were injured and were transported to a hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

Red Cross was not needed. The couple that lives here had been staying in a hotel while repairs were being done. They will remain in the hotel until repairs are completed.

Damage Estimate - \$5,000

Cause – An accumulation of flammable vapors inside the home reached an unknown ignition source.

Safety Message: Follow the manufacturer's instructions when using or storing household or flammable materials. Make sure the area is ventilated and free of all possible ignition sources. A pilot light, a cigarette, or a spark (from flipping a switch off), could be enough to cause an explosion if the right mixture of flammable vapors is present.